



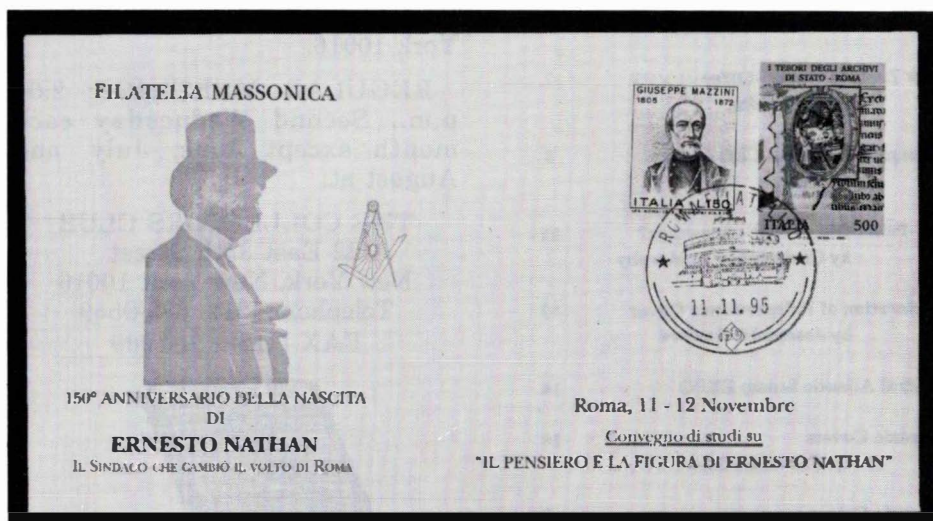
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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

The Editor invites all members to submit items of information and articles on the subject of Masonic Philately. Typewritten copy and/or camera ready items will result in the best possible presentation of your material if it is selected for use.

The Military Order of Avís

Gene Fricks

The Military Order of Avís, the oldest such order in Portugal, has been the subject of a set of commemorative stamps (Scott 913-915) issued on August 13, 1963, marking its eighth century. The Order was founded at the beginning of Portugal's national life, when the country was in the throes of fighting for the Christian reconquest of the Iberian peninsula from the Moors. Those knights who fought with Dom Afonso Henriques (Mozambique Company, Scott 201) requested him to create an order that would give proper form to the militia in which they were grouped. On the granting of permission to do so by the legate of Pope Alexander II, represented by Friar João Cerita, abbot of S. João de Tarouca, the new order was created in the city of Coimbra on August 13, 1162.

For the first few years the headquarters of the order were in Coimbra. After the conquest of Évora (Alenejo Province), it was transferred to that city in 1166 in order to be nearer the zone of battle against the Moors. The new order then became known as the Order of Évora. In 1211, Dom Afonso II endowed the friars of Évora with an elevated and desolate piece of land near the village of Viamonte, on the condition to they build there a castle and populate the village. To this place - Avís - the headquarters of the order were then moved, still under the same king's reign and still inspired with the ideals of reconquest. The designation at this time appeared as the Order of S. Beneto de Avís - of that St. Benetus whose rules the friars of the community obeyed.

The Order of Avís took as its symbol a green cross edged at each point with a *fleur-de-lis*.

The governing body of the order from its founding until the advent of the second Portuguese dynasty was composed of Masters elected by the body of membership. The first Master was Dom Pedro Afonso, natural brother of Dom Afonso Henriques; the last Master was Dom Fernando Rodrigues Sequeira, who was elected in 1389. After him, and at the request of the king, the Holy See accepted the suggestion that the order be governed by non-elected administrators of the nobility, albeit secular persons. The first of these administrators was the Infante Dom Fernando, appointed by his brother Dom Duarte in 1434. The last administrator was Dom Jorge de Lencastre, natural son of Dom João II. In 1550, during the reign of Dom João III, the monarchy took over the administration of the three Portuguese military orders, Avís, Cristo, and Sant'Iago. The king incorporated the cross of Avís into his coat of arms, such that only the *fleurs-de-lis* at the tips appear around the edge of the shield.

The Order of Cristo, or Knights of Christ, is the direct descendant of the Knights Templar in Portugal. When the Templars fell under the interdict of the Papacy between 1307 and 1314, the knights in Portugal changed the name of their order to the Knights of Christ and elected the king as their Grand Master. The Order of Cristo became a purely military order; one legend has it that the fabled treasures of the Knights Templar made their way to Portugal to become the financial underpinning of the Portuguese treasury.

The original mission of the Order of Avis was to fight the infidels and spread Christianity. Members were sworn to absolute chastity, obedience, and poverty. In 1496, Pope Alexander VI changed the vow of absolute chastity to one of marital chastity, and in 1505 Pope Julius II granted dispensation from the vow of poverty. Finally, during the reign of Donna Maria I in 1789, the military orders became secularized. Dom Carlos (Scott 67-78) reformed the Order of Avis, which then became the Royal Military Order of S. Bento de Avis. With the overthrow of the monarchy and establishment of the republic in 1911, the order was extinguished with the others. It was re-established by a decree on September 25, 1917 as the Military Order of Avis. The present regulations of the Portuguese Orders of Honor, enacted on January 30, 1912, permit the order to be awarded only to members of the armed forces - national and foreign. The latter are considered to be honorary members.

Philatelically, Scott 913-915 were designed by the Portuguese painter Cândido Costa Pinto. The set was printed in offset by the Portuguese Mint. The print run for the set was:

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References:

Announcement of Luiz D'Orey Pereira Coutinho, General Secretary of the Portuguese Orders.

Gottfried Neubecker, *A Guide to Heraldry*, McGraw-Hill, New York, 1979, p. 209.

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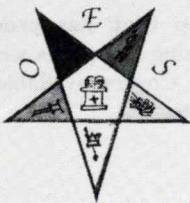
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The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club reports many interesting items in its *Annual Newsletter - February 1996*. As many know, the GWMSC was created as a unit of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Inc. Over the years the GWMSC has developed into a popular, and independent, Masonic Philatelic Organization. Any Masonic Philatelist who is not a member of the GWMSC should write, TODAY, to Ralph F. Knisley at 7400 Skyline Drive, Frederick, MD 21702-3652 or call Bro. Knisley at 301-473 7973 for full details. Life memberships used to be \$10.00!

Brothers in the Washington, D. C. area can attend the various meetings conveniently scheduled in April (usually in the York - Lancaster, PA area); June (Frederick, MD); and September (BALPEX - Labor Day weekend). Meetings are usually on the fourth Saturday. Each year the Annual banquet and awarding of the Master of Philately Degree at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA takes place in February and is an event that any Masonic Philatelist will enjoy.

The George Washington Masonic Stamp Club has produced many marvelous Masonic Covers. On the following two pages we have reproduced the most recent list of First Day Covers available. to purchase any of these covers send your order in to;

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11/14/62	Higher Education	1/23/86	Stamp Collecting dual cancel
11/23/62	George Washington		Sweden & U.S. (full panes) - 4.25
3/22/63	Andrew Jackson	2/27/86	Hugh Black
5/21/66	Sipex (stamp)	3/19/86	William Jennings Bryan - 3.00
4/17/67	National Grange	5/23/86	Stamps - The Universal Hobby post card
11/17/67	George Washington	5/28/86	Polar Explorers - 2.00
5/5/69	Apollo Genesis - 1.50	7/4/86	PTT Carteposte dual cancel
7/20/69	Moon Landing Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr.		large post card - 3.00
11/24/70	Dav. 50th Anniversary	5/25/87	Constitutional Convention post card - 5 Diff.
1/26/71	MacArthur	5/25/87	Constitutional Convention post card F.D.C. with
3/12/71	Blood Donor		Pa. Statehood stamp cancelled 8/26/87 - 1.00
5/21/71	A. Durer 500th Anniversary German	5/25/87	Constitutional Convention post card with
3/1/72	Yellowstone Park		Unofficial cancel of Constitution signing, stamp
7/4/72	Col. Crafts Paul Revere		cancelled 9/17/87 - 1.00
10/13/72	Tom Sawyer - Twain's Gavel	8/26/87	Statehood PA Ratification Station
10/12/72	Tom Sawyer - Steam Boat		Dual cancel - 3.50
11/17/72	Stamp Collecting - Ben Franklin	8/28/87	Constitution Drafting (full pane) - 2.00
5/8/73	H. Truman	8/28/87	Constitution Drafting single stamp
7/4/73	Boston Tea Party - L. Pair		or set of five singles - Set 4.00
12/16/73	Samuel Adams P.C.	9/17/87	Constitution Signing - also Unofficial Cancel
5/4/74	Skylab	3/28/88	Buffalo Bill Cody Dual cancel post card - 1.50
7/4/74	Continental Congress - 2.00	5/4/88	Blair House post card, F.D.C. & Unofficial
7/4/74	Continental Congress - Dual cancel	9/14/88	Richard Byrd-Blk. of 4 F.D.C. & Unofficial - 3.50 each
	with constitution signing - 3.50		Single - 1.25
3/25/75	Haym Salmon	11/5/88	Hap Arnold - 1.50
1/3/77	Geo. Washington at Princeton bust cach.	2/22/89	Seal State of Washington
1/3/77	Geo. Washington at Princeton soldier cach.		Olympia, WA cancel
7/4/77	Col. Crafts - BK/4 1.25		Washington Statehood stamp
10/21/77	Geo. Washington at Valley Forge		Birthday Anniversary
1/20/77	Capt. Cook (pair) Anchorage - 1.50	4/4/89	House of Representatives - 2.00
1/20/78	Capt. Cook (pair) Honolulu - 1.50	4/6/89	U.S. Senate - 2.00
5/19/78	J. Hancock Post Card	4/4/89	Dual cancel on Monarch envelope
6/30/78	Fort McHenry 15¢ Reg.	4/6/89	House of Representatives & U.S. Senate - 2.50
7/3/78	George Cohan	4/16/89	Washington Bicentennial, Exec. Branch Inaug. -
9/23/79	John Paul Jones		Washington Constitution Series, First Inaugural
10/11/79	C. Pulaski Post Card		Journey Station cancel, Mt. Vernon - 2.00
1/29/80	W.C. Fields	6/20/89	20th Anniversary Moon Landing F.D.C. 1. - 5.00
5/5/81	Isaiah Thomas Post Card	6/20/89	Same - "Bullseye cancel"
10/31/81	J. Hoban U.S.	6/20/89	Same - Priority Mail Label
10/31/81	J. Hoban U.S. & 18¢ Irish - 1.50	2/2/90	John Marshall - 1.50
1/30/82	Roosevelt	3/23/90	Classic Films (Blk. of 4) - 2.50
8/22/82	Tours Synagogue - 1.50	9/6/90	Clair Lee Chennault - 2.00
2/12/83	Ogelthorpe Post Card		F.D.C. - Hand cancel and machine cancel
3/24/83	Swedish/American Treaty	2/22/91	U.S. Swiss Airmail Wash. D.C. cancel - 1.50
3/24/83	Swedish/Americans Treaty Dual cancel	2/22/91	U.S. Swiss Airmail Wash. D.C. cancel - 3.50
	with constitution signing - 2.50		and Switzerland cancel
7/13/83	Henry Clay	3/29/91	Flag over Mt. Rushmore, single stamp - 1.50
9/2/83	Treaty of Parish signers		coil pair - 2.00. 3 pair - 2.25
9/2/83	Treaty of Paris signers French - 2.00	6/3/91	Hubert H. Humphrey (Great American) - 2.00
9/2/83	Treaty of Paris Dual cancel	7/4/91	Flag over Mt. Rushmore - 1.50
	with constitution signing - 2.00	8/29/91	Comedians Bud Abbott & Oliver Hardy
4/16/84	National Archives		(Booklet Pane) - 4.00
5/23/84	Douglas Fairbanks	9/3/91	World War II mini sheet of 10 designs - 7.00 p.p.
5/31/84	R. Russell	9/7/91	F.D.C. Dist. of Columbia Bicentennial - 1.50
9/2/84	Frank Lauback		Blk. of 4 - 2.25
1/23/85	Jerome Kern	3/9/92	Earl Warren, Single - 1.50
3/29/85	Large flag over capitol cachet Wash. cap.		Blk. of 4 - 2.50
	Mon. & gavel (single stamp)	4/23/92	White House Bicentennial, Single - 1.50
3/29/85	Same as above (full pane) - 2.00		3 stamps - 2.25
5/25/85	Amperipex 86	5/29/92	Space, Blk. of 4 - 2.50, Set of 4 Singles - 3.00
6/11/85	Harry Stutz	8/19/94	George Washington & Andrew Jackson - \$5.00 stamp
7/18/85	F.A. Bartholdi	9/25/95	Eddie Rickenbacker - 2.00
7/25/85	Henry Knox - Blk. of 4	11/2/96	James K. Polk - 1.50
11/6/85	Washington & Monument (2 coil) - 1.25		
11/6/85	Washington & Monument (3 coil) - 1.25		
12/4/85	Samuel F. Clemens - 1.50		

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7/4/59 George Washington Capitol Cornerstone
 3/18/67 Dedication P.O., Dover, PA
 12/4/69 Herman J. Lichty
 12/30/70 100th Anniversary Scot. Rite
 5/15/71 Demise of the 6¢ Stamp
 12/1/71 50th Anniversary Phil. agency
 5/13/72 100th Anniversary Union Bridge, MD
 1/20/73 Nixon-Agnew Inaug. Invite - 2.00
 1/20/73 Nixon Inaug. Invite
 with 8/9/74 resignation - 2.25
 1/20/73 Nixon Inaug. Picture
 with 8/9/74 resignation - 2.25
 1/20/73 Nixon-Agnew Inaug. Pictures
 with 8/9/74 resignation - 2.25
 1/20/73 Nixon Inaug. picture - 2.00
 1/20/73 Nixon-Agnew picture Inaug. - 2.00
 6/4/75 100th Anniversary Corps Eng's.
 5/28/76 Geo. Wash. Mt. Vernon Fr. light bell
 5/28/76 Geo. Wash. Mt. Vernon Fr. light Eagle
 10/12/76 G.W. appointed 6-star gen.
 1/20/77 Carter-Mondale Inauguration
 1/20/77 Carter picture
 1/20/77 Mondale picture
 7/4/78 B&O R.R. cornerstone
 8/4/78 225th Anniversary G.W. M.M.
 1/27/79 G.W. M.S.C. Mtg. Palestine Lodge
 3/24/79 G.W. M.S.C. meeting - Lancaster, PA
 7/20/79 10th Anniversary Apollo II
 1/20/81 Reagan Inauguration
 3/28/81 G.W. M.S.C. meeting - Lancaster, PA
 10/24/81 G.W. M.S.C. 25th Anniversary
 3/27/82 G.W. M.S.C. meeting - Baltimore, MD
 5/12/82 50th Anniversary G.W. Mas. National Mon.
 11/4/82 G.W. M.S.C. Meeting at Fredericksburg, VA
 Washington, the Master Mason
 12/23/83 Geo. Wash. Surrenders Commis.
 1/26/84 H. Truman - centennial
 1/20/85 Reagan Inaug.
 1/21/85 Reagan Inaug.
 6/28/86 G.W. M.S.C. meeting - Intercourse, PA
 8/30/86 G.W. M.S.C. Mtg. Balpex Post Card
 4/25/87 G.W. M.S.C. Mtg. Philanthropic Lodge
 No. 168 - 14¢ Post Card
 3/26/88 G.W. M.S.C. Meeting at Springfield, VA
 Post Card - 1.00
 4/30/88 G.W. M.S.C. Meeting at York, PA
 199th Anniv., Washington Inauguration
 1/20/89 Bush Inauguration - 1.50
 5/20/89 Settling of Oklahoma Post Card
 Club Meeting, Frederick, MD
 6/24/89 G.W. M.S.C. Meeting at Intercourse, PA
 Club Logo
 9/2/89 G.W. M.S.C. Meeting at Balpex, MD
 Club Logo
 4/28/90 G.W. M.S.C. mtg. Red Lion, PA
 3/23/91 G.W. M.S.C. Mtg. Bird-In-Hand, Pa. - 1.50
 4/23/91 Bro. James Buchanan post card, Presidential
 Birthday Station cancel, Mercersburg, Pa. also
 Lancaster, Pa. Downtown Station - 1.00
 Philatelic center cancel
 1/27/92 Apollo One Memorial Station P.C.
 Gus Grissom - 1.25
 6/27/92 G.W. M.S.C. mtg. P.C. Bird-In-Hand, PA - 1.00
 10/13/92 Cornerstone White House Bicentennial - 2.25
 10/24/92 G.W. M.S.C. Mtg. Savage, Md. - P.C. - 1.50
 1/20/93 Inauguration Cover Clinton & Gore - 2.25
 U.S.P.S. Postal Stationary Env. and
 29¢ White House stamp cancel
 4/24/93 G.W.M.S.C. Mtg. Red Lion, PA
 9/1/95 Louis Armstrong - 1.50

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2/22/63 Jewel & Cordon
 2/22/67 Geo. Washington at Fredericksburg Lodge
 2/22/70 Washington Mas. Medal
 2/22/71 Lodge Bible
 2/22/72 Geo. Washington Statue
 2/22/73 Geo. Washington picture
 2/22/74 Washington on Horse
 2/22/75 18th c. Mt. Vernon
 2/22/76 Geo. Washington commander-in-chief
 2/22/77 Birthday anniversary
 2/22/78 Mt. Vernon
 2/22/79 Geo. Washington National Mem.
 2/22/80 Geo. Washington the surveyor
 2/22/81 249th Birthday - Wakefield, VA birthplace
 picture, Alexandria, VA cancel
 2/22/81 249th Birthday - Washington picture
 Mt. Vernon cancel
 2/22/82 250th Birthday National Memorial picture
 Alexandria, VA cancel
 2/22/82 250th Birthday - Washington picture - Dual
 cancel - FDC & birthday, Mt. Vernon - 2.00
 2/22/84 Mount Vernon Ladies Association
 2/22/85 Washington Cap. Mon. & Gavel
 2/22/87 Home Sweet Home - Mt. Vernon cancel
 2/22/87 Home Sweet Home - Popes Creek, VA
 Cancel with flag or love stamp
 2/22/87 Home Sweet Home - Dual cancel
 Mt. Vernon & San Francisco, CA - 2.00
 2/22/88 Happy Birthday Club Logo
 2/22/89 Geo. Washington, Seal, State of Washington
 Club cancel, Mt. Vernon, VA - 1.25
 2/22/89 Also dual cancel Mt. Vernon &
 State of Washington - 2.50 F.D.C.
 2/22/90 Geo. Wash. Birthday. Picture on 25¢
 Piece - 1.50. Also dual cancel - 2.50
 2/22/91 Star cachet Mt. Vernon, VA
 Birthday unofficial cancel - 2.50
 2/22/91 Star cachet U.S.P.S. Postal -
 Stationary Env. - 1.50
 2/22/92 Geo. Wash. Mt. Rushmore - 1.50
 2/22/93 Washington Crossing the Delaware - 2.00
 U.S.P.S. Postal Stationary Env.
 4/24/93 G.W.M.S.C. Mtg. Red Lion, PA
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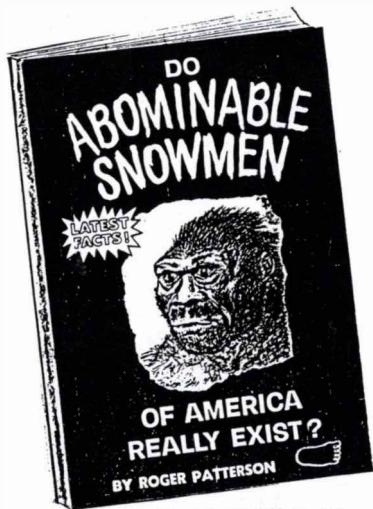
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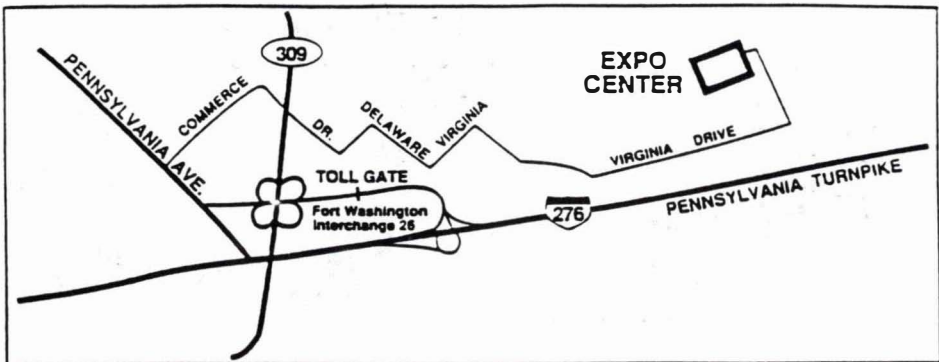
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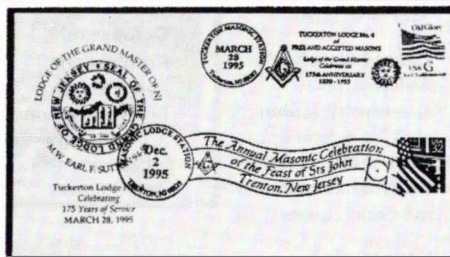
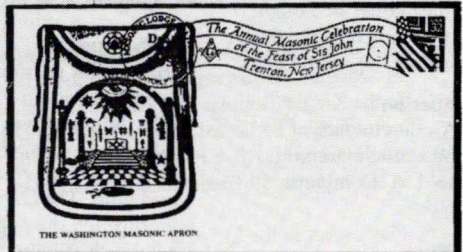
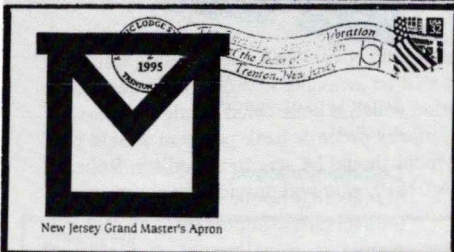
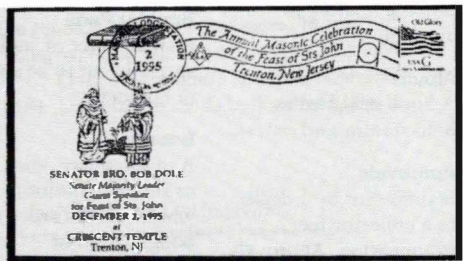
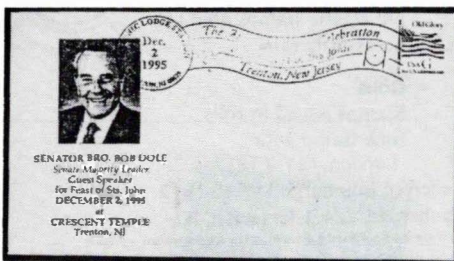
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Stamp Collecting Words and Phrases

Accessories

The tools used by stamp collectors, such as tongs, hinges, etc.

Adhesive

A gummed stamp made to be attached to mail.

Aerophilately

Stamp collecting that focuses on stamps or postage relating to air mail.

Album

A book designed to hold stamps and covers.

Approvals

Stamps sent by a dealer to a collector for examination. Approvals must either be bought or returned to the dealer within a specified time.

Auction

A sale at which philatelic material is sold to the highest bidder.

Block

An unseparated group of stamps, at least two stamps high and two stamps wide.

Black Jack

The nickname for the very popular U.S. two-cent black Andrew Jackson stamp, which was issued in various forms between 1863 and 1875.

Bogus

A completely fictitious, worthless "stamp," created only for sale to collectors. Bogus stamps include labels for nonexistent values added to regularly issued sets, issues for nations without postal systems, etc.

Booklet Pane

A small sheet of stamps specially cut to be sold in booklets.

Bourse

A marketplace, such as stamp exhibition, where stamps are bought, sold or exchanged.

Bluish Paper

Used to print portions of several issues in 1909; the paper was made with 35 percent rag stock instead of all wood pulp. The color goes through the paper, showing clearly on back and face.

Cachet (ka-shay')

A design on an envelope describing an event. Cachets appear on first day of issue, first flight and stamp exhibition covers, etc.

Cancellation

A mark placed on a stamp by a postal authority to show that it has been used.

Centering

The position of the design on a postage stamp. On perfectly centered stamps the design is exactly in the middle.

Classic

An early stamp issue. Most people consider these to be rare stamps, but classic stamps aren't necessarily rare.

Coils

Stamps issued in rolls (one stamp wide)



for use in dispensers or vending machines.

Commemoratives

Stamps that honor anniversaries, important people or special events.

Compound

Perforations

Different gauge perforations on different (normally adjacent) sides of a single stamp.

Condition

Condition is the most important characteristic in determining a stamp's value. It refers to the state of a stamp regarding such details as centering, color and gum.

Cover

An envelope that has been sent through the mail.

Cracked Plate

A term used to describe stamps which show evidence that the plate from which they were printed was cracked.

Definitives

Regular issues of postage stamps, usually sold over long periods of time.

Denomination

The postage value appearing on a stamp, such as 5 cents.

Directory Markings

Postal markings that indicate a failed delivery attempt, stating reasons such as "No Such Number" or "Address Unknown."

Double Transfer

The condition on a printing plate that shows evidence of a duplication of all or part of the design.

Dry Printing

Begun as an experiment in 1953, this type of printing results in a whiter paper, a higher sheen on the surface, a thicker and stiffer feel and designs that stand out more clearly than on more standard "wet" printings.

Duplicates

Extra copies of stamps that can be sold or traded. Duplicates should be examined carefully for color and perforation variations.

Entire

An intact piece of postal stationery, in contrast to a cut-out of the printed design.

Error

A stamp with something incorrect in its design or manufacture.

Exploded

A stamp booklet is said to be "exploded" when it has been separated into its various components for show.

Face Value

The monetary value or denomination of a stamp.

Fake

A genuine stamp that has been altered in some way to make it more attractive to collectors. It may be repaired, reperfed or regummed to resemble a more valuable variety.

First Day Cover (FDC)

An envelope with a new stamp and cancellation showing the date the stamp was issued.

Franks

Marking on the face of a cover, indicating it is to be carried free of postage. Franks may be written, handstamped, imprinted or represented by special adhesives. Such free franking is usually limited to official correspondence, such as soldier's mail.

Freak

An abnormal variety of stamps occurring because of paper fold, over-inking, perforation shift, etc., as opposed to a continually appearing variety or a major error.

Grill

A pattern of small, square pyramids in parallel rows impressed or embossed on the stamp to break paper fibers, allowing cancellation ink to soak in and preventing washing and reuse.

Gum

The coating of glue on the back of an unused stamp.

Hinges

Small strips of gummed material used by collectors to affix stamps to album pages.

Imperforate

Indicates stamps without perforations or separating holes. They usually are separated by scissors and collected in pairs.

Label

Any stamp-like adhesive that is not a postage stamp.

Laid Paper

When held to the light, the paper shows alternate light and dark crossed lines.

Line Pairs (LP)

Most coil stamp rolls prior to 1981 feature a line of ink printed between two stamps at varying intervals.

Miniature Sheet

A single stamp or block of stamps with a margin on all sides bearing some special wording or design.

Overprint

Additional printing on a stamp that was not part of the original design.



On Paper

Stamps "on paper" are those that still have portions of the original envelope or wrapper stuck to them.

Packet

A presorted unit of all different stamps. One of the most common and economical ways to begin a collection.

Pane

A full "sheet" of stamps as sold by a Post Office. Four panes typically make up the original sheet of stamps as printed.

Par Avion

French for mail transported "by air."

Perforations

Lines of small holes or cuts between rows of stamps that make them easy to separate.



Philately

The collection and study of postage stamps and other postal materials.

Pictorials

Stamps with a picture of some sort, other than portraits or static designs such as coats of arms.

Plate Block (PB) (or Plate Number Block)

A block of stamps with the margin attached that bears the plate number used in printing that sheet.

Plate Number Coils (PNC)

For most coil stamps rolls beginning in 1981, a small plate number appears at varying intervals in the roll in the design of the stamp.

Postage Due

A stamp issued to collect unpaid postage.

Postal Stationery

Envelopes, postal cards and aerogrammes with stamp designs printed or embossed on them.

Postmark

A mark put on envelopes or other mailing pieces showing the date and location of the post office where it was mailed.

Precancels

Cancellations applied to stamps before the stamps were affixed to mail.



Registered Mail

First class mail with a numbered receipt, including a valuation of the registered item. This guarantees customers will get their money back if an item is lost in the mail.

Reissue

An official reprinting of a stamp that was no longer being printed.

Replicas

Reproductions of stamps sold during the early days of collecting. Usually printed in one color in a sheet containing a number of different designs. Replicas were never intended to deceive either the post office or the collector.

Reprint

A stamp printed from the original plate after the issue is no longer valid for postage. Official reprints are sometimes made for presentation purposes, official collections, etc., and are often distinguished in some way from the "real" ones.

Revenue Stamps

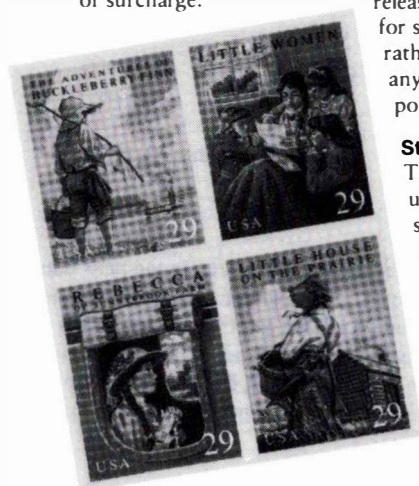
Stamps not valid for postal use but issued for collecting taxes.

Ribbed Paper

Paper which shows fine parallel ridges on one or both sides of a stamp.

Se-tenant

An attached pair, strip or block of stamps that differ in design, value or surcharge.



Secret Marks

Many stamps have included tiny reference points in their designs to foil attempts at counterfeiting and to differentiate issues.

Selvage

The unprinted paper around panes of stamps, sometimes called the margin.

Series

All the variations of design and value of a particular issue.

Set

A unit of stamps with a common design or theme issued at one time for a common purpose or over an extended period.

Souvenir Sheet

A small sheet of stamps with a commemorative inscription of some sort.

Speculative

A stamp or issue released primarily for sale to collectors, rather than to meet any legitimate postal need.

Strip

Three or more unseparated stamps in a row.

Surcharge

An overprint that changes the denomination of a stamp from its original face value.

Sweatbox

A closed box with a grill over which stuck-together unused stamps are placed. A wet, sponge-like material under the grill creates humidity so the stamps can be separated without removing the gum.

Thematic

A stamp collection that relates to a specific theme and is arranged to present a logical story and progression.

Tied On

Indicates a stamp whose postmark touches the envelope.

Tongs

A tool, used to handle stamps, that resembles a tweezers with rounded or flattened tips.

Topicals

Indicates a group of stamps with the same theme—space travel, for example.

Unhinged

A stamp without hinge marks, but not necessarily with original gum.

Unused

The condition of a stamp that has no cancellation or other sign of use.

Used

The condition of a stamp that has been canceled.

Want List

A list of philatelic material needed by a collector.

Watermark

A design pressed into stamp paper during its manufacture.

Wet Printing

Has a moisture content of 15-35 percent, compared to 5-10 percent for "dry" printings; also, has a duller look than "dry" printings.

Wove Paper

A uniform paper which, when held to the light, shows no light or dark figures.

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Dear Allan:

Would you be kind enough to include the enclosed pre-publication survey in the next issue of *The Masonic Philatelist*. Many brethren have written to me indicating how please they are with *The Masonic Specialist*. One brother recently ordered another set to donate to his Masonic library. With some effort, I can rearrange the work and turn it into a two-volume standard library book set. However, it is just too big (1,420 pages) to go on speculation alone for the print. With orders for 100 copies, I can get the purchase price per set down to \$75 U.S.

This is certainly the largest and most detailed work in the topical stamp collecting field. Having it in hardbound form will give us considerable profile .

Please let me know if you have any concerns.

Fraternally,


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BOOK FIVE: Keys to Group Stamps. Enlarged illustrations of stamps that show a group of people are shown in this section with a key to the individuals in the group.

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